as per the allotment letters & on receipt of full payment and duly stamped conveyance deed by the DDA.

Collapse in Urban Amenities Due to Migration

†1949. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people coming to cities from villages is increasing day-by-day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that basic amenities in cities have collapsed as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While the urban infrastructure in the cities is strained, however, the Government has taken a number of measures to improve urban living conditions and deficiency of services in urban India. Some of the important measures include Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, Mega City Schemes and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), National Slum Development programme, 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments for empowering Local Bodies, Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULCA), National Housing Policy etc., as also involvement of private sector in resource mobilization for housing and urban infrastructure projects.

Removal of Jhuggi Clusters

1950. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of Jhuggis surrounding Government quarters in Sarojini Nagar XY Block, Laxmibai Nagar Barat Ghar and also over the nearby drain is constantly multiplying as a result of which atmosphere of these colonies has got polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government propose to go in for plantation after removing these Jhuggis and raising barbed wire fencing in a fixed time frame;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take for keeping this area clean and green?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that there are identified JJ clusters at Laxmibai Nagar Barat Ghar and Sarojini Nagar XY Block. 150 unauthorised jhuggis have been demolished recently.

(b) Jhuggi clusters develop due to variety of reasons, viz large scale in-migration, inadequate surveillance of public lands etc.

(c) to (e) Government are determined to clear up the area. The areas cleared of jhuggis by the NDMC at Laxmibai Nagar have been protected and are being developed as parks and such other public uses.

Housing Scheme for Central Govt. Employees

1951. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked DDA not to introduce any new housing scheme till the waiting lists of registrants are cleared;

(b) if so, the details of the earlier schemes of which registrants are still awaiting their allotments;

(c) the time by which all the waiting lists are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether the DDA would introduce schemes exclusively for the Central Government employees after the waiting lists of the earlier schemes are cleared; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) pending review of entire housing scenario in the Capital and NCR by the Ministry of Urban Development and covering all waiting registrants, the Delhi Development Authority has been directed not to announce or sanction any new Scheme or Proejct.